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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/628,218	LAZAR, JAMES
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Cassandra Cox	2816

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 10-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,16,17 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-9,18,19 and 21-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/15/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .                                  |

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 16-17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Skibinski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,322).

In reference to claim 1, Skibinski discloses in Figure 3 an active filter (20a) that can be connected to a power line between a power source (10) and a load (12), the active filter comprising: a current generator (28a, 34, 38, 40a, 36, 32, 39) that can be connected to the power line, wherein in response to a control signal (from controller 30a) the current generator generates a current to compensate for polluting harmonics on the power line; and a controller (30a) that generates a control signal that controls the current generator to compensate for the polluting harmonics on the power line, such that the current ( $i_n$ ) does not exceed a selected threshold value (see column 6, lines 7-61). The same applies to claims 16-17.

In reference to claim 20, Skibinski discloses in Figure 3 wherein the power source (10) comprises an input voltage source providing a voltage; and because the claimed structure is fully met by Skibinski, the recited function or “result” limitations “the

current  $i_{APF}$  is controlled such that..." will necessarily be inherent in Mohan, as held by the court in *In re Best*, 195 USPQ 430.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 10-15 are allowed.
4. Claims 2-9, 18-19, and 21-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 2-7, 19, and 25 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 3 wherein the circuit includes a limiter (18) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 18 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 3 wherein the circuit further comprises a first sensor (20) and a second sensor (22) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 21-22 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the circuit further comprises a reference current generator (28) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 8-9 and 23-24 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 3 wherein the current generator comprises a switch (30) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 10-15 are allowed because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 3 wherein the controller (26) includes a first sensor (20) and a second sensor (22) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

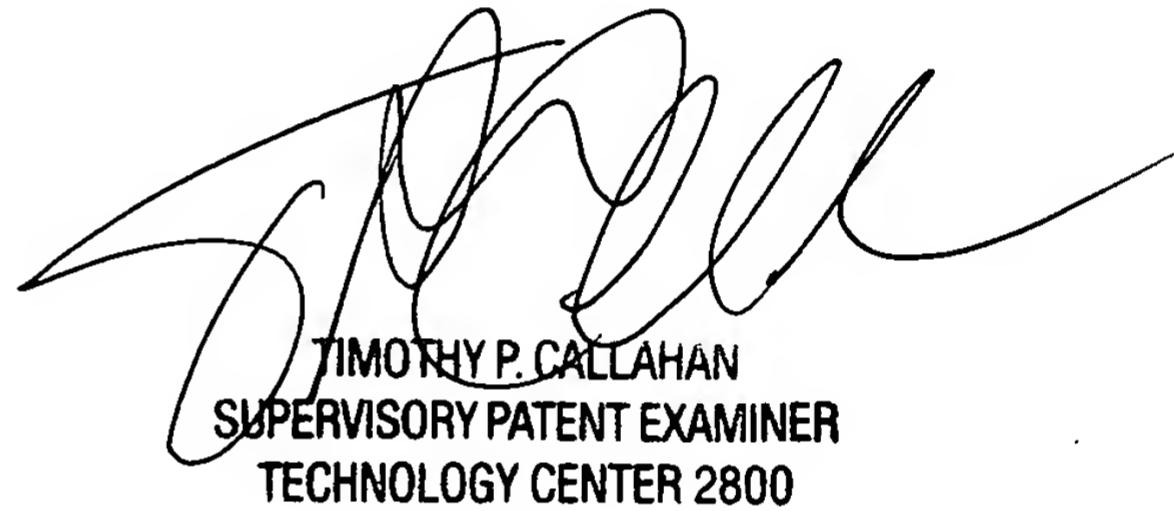
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Cox whose telephone number is 571-272-1741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on alternate Fridays from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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